GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:)	
)	PSC DOCKET NO. 574
ETC Petition -)	
Centennial U.S.V.I. Operations)	ORDER NO.: 32-2008
Corporation Pursuant to Act No. 6977)	
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2007, Act No. 6977 was signed into law by the Governor of the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, this act expressly granted jurisdiction to the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission ("PSC" or "Commission") to determine and to designate telecommunication carriers as Eligible Telecommunication Carriers (hereinafter "ETC"); and

WHEREAS, Centennial USVI Operations Corporation (hereinafter "Centennial") petitioned the PSC for designation as an ETC on December 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Commission appointed as hearing examiner The Honorable M. Thomas Jackson (hereinafter "The Hearing Examiner") to preside over the review of Centennial's petition; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2008, the Hearing Examiner conducted a hearing in this matter at the Commission's offices on St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2008, the Hearing Examiner submitted his report and recommendations to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2008, the Commission met in regular session at the PSC Offices in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, at the aforementioned meeting the Hearing Examiner submitted his Report to the Commission (see attached); and

WHEREAS, *inter alia*, the Hearing Examiner recommended that Centennial's Petition be granted; and

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WHEREAS, *inter alia*, the Hearing Examiner concluded that the designation should be made retroactive to the date the Petition for Designation was originally filed, December 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, upon deliberation and consideration the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations of its Hearing Examiner regarding Centennial's ETC petition; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Hearing Examiner's recommendations be **ADOPTED**;

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Centennial's Petition for ETC designation is **GRANTED**; and finally.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Centennial's ETC designation be made retroactive to December 2, 2006.

Dated: February 26, 2008

FOR THE COMMISSION

JOSEPH'B. BOSCHULTE

Chair

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